

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the District of
Columbia Courts' Fiscal Year 2000
Budget Request**

February 5, 1999

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the District of Columbia Code, as amended, I am transmitting the District of Columbia Courts' FY 2000 Budget request.

The District of Columbia Courts have submitted a FY 2000 Budget request for \$131.6 million for its operating expenditures and \$17.4 million for courthouse renovation and improvements. My FY 2000 Budget includes recommended funding levels of \$128.4 million for operations and \$9.0 million for capital improvements for the District Courts. My transmittal of the District of Columbia Courts' budget request does not represent an endorsement of its contents.

I look forward to working with the Congress throughout the FY 2000 appropriation process.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
February 5, 1999.

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 30

The President and Hillary Clinton went to Camp David, MD, for the weekend.

The White House announced that the President and Hillary Clinton will travel to Mexico for a meeting with President Ernesto Zedillo on February 15 and to Central America on March 8–11, visiting Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

February 1

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint E. Linn Draper, Jr., as a member of the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

February 2

In the morning, the President traveled to Boston, MA. In the evening, he traveled to New York City and later returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Anne Udall to be a Public Trustee at the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Jamil Mahuad of Ecuador and President Alberto Fujimori of Peru at the White House on February 5.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Atlanta, GA, on February 5 and to Wintergreen, VA, on February 9.

February 3

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph E. Brennan to be a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph Bordogna to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

February 4

In the morning, the President met separately with Prime Minister Pandeli Majdo of Albania, Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski of Macedonia, and Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority in the Cabinet Room at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The President also had brief discussions with Leah Rabin, widow of the late Israeli Prime Minister, and with Steven Flatow, whose daughter was the victim of a 1995 terrorist attack in Gaza.

The White House announced that the President will launch the AmeriCorps Call to Service campaign at the University of Maryland in College Park on February 10.

February 5

The President met with President Jamil Mahuad of Ecuador and President Alberto Fujimori of Peru in the Oval Office.

The President announced the nomination of Thomas J. Erickson to be a member of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Betsy Levitt Cohn, Cynthia Friedman, Alice Kandell, Hilary Rosen, and Howard A. Tullman as members of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

The President announced the appointment of Mary Beth Cahill as Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Public Liaison and Robert B. (Ben) Johnson as Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office on the President's Initiative for One America, a new office the President is creating to follow up on the work of his Initiative on Race.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany on February 11.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 4

Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2003, vice John E. Tull, Jr., term expired.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 30

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the President and the First Lady's upcoming visits to Mexico and to Central America

Released February 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Director of the Office of Management and Budget Jack Lew, and National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling on the President's proposed budget

Released February 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Planning Bruce Reed on the President's visit to Boston, MA

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With President Mahuad of Ecuador and President Fujimori of Peru

Statement by the Press Secretary on the appointment of Miles E. Lackey as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Legislative Affairs

Released February 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Released February 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Council of Economic Advisers Chair Janet Yellen on the Economic Report of the President

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Senate vote rejecting the request for live witnesses in the Senate impeachment trial